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Letter dated 27 October 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to forward herewith the text of the joint communiqué about the negotiations between the President of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Mircea Snegur, and the President of Ukraine, Mr. Leonid Kravchuk, during the official visit of Mr. Kravchuk to the Republic of Moldova, signed at Chisinau on 23 October 1992 (see annex).

We should be extremely grateful if the necessary arrangements could be made to circulate as urgently as possible the text of the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 69, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint communiqué on negotiations between the President of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Mircea Snegur, and the President of Ukraine, Mr. Leonid Kravchuk

On 23 October 1992, at the invitation of President Mircea Snegur, the President of Ukraine, Mr. Leonid Kravchuk, came to the Republic of Moldova on an official visit.

In the course of their negotiations, the two Presidents conducted an exchange of views on a wide range of issues relating to bilateral and international relations.

The desire of both States to strengthen and expand their traditionally friendly bilateral relations was noted. The parties discussed specific areas of developing mutually advantageous cooperation to meet the national interests and further the cause of reaffirming universal human values and the principles of international law in relations between countries. In particular, the parties reaffirmed the undertaking to observe, in their good-neighbourly partnership relations between friendly States, the principles of sovereign equality, non-use of force or of the threat of force, inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-interference in internal affairs, respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the right of peoples to self-determination, and faithful compliance with international obligations as well as of the norms set forth in documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

As a result of the negotiations, which took place in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and constructive dialogue, a Treaty on good-neighbourly relations, friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine was signed.

The parties unanimously consider that the summit meeting between the Heads of State of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine has special significance. The treaty signed by them consolidates the principles of bilateral relations, assists the development of mutually advantageous cooperation in conformity with the interests and aspirations of the two peoples, and serves the strengthening of peace and security both within the region and on the scale of the European continent.

In building their relations upon principles of good-neighbourliness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter for a New Europe and other CSCE documents, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine will contribute towards the cause of constructing a new, peaceful and united Europe.

The parties informed each other of the political, economic and social processes taking part in their countries, the progress achieved in carrying

out wide-scale economic reforms, in the transition to a market economy and in measures being adopted towards the social protection of the population, as well as of the guaranteeing of the rights and freedoms and the development of the distinctive identity of their national minorities living in the other party's territory.

Recognizing that economic and trade cooperation forms an important integral part of bilateral relations, the parties agreed that specific mechanisms governing such relations will be regulated by intergovernmental agreements.

President Snegur provided President Kravchuk with detailed information concerning steps being taken towards a political settlement of the conflict in the eastern parts of the Republic of Moldova, noting specially the positive role played by the four-State political mechanism and stressing the need to intensify its activities in that respect.

President Kravchuk reaffirmed his country's sincere interest in the earliest solution of this problem, stating that Ukraine will continue in future to stand for the strict observance of the principles of inviolability of frontiers, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs and protection of human rights and the rights of minorities.

The parties noted that the conflict must be settled exclusively by peaceful political means and stressed the need to enhance the role of international mechanisms, and in particular of the United Nations and CSCE, in the search for a mutually acceptable settlement. The Presidents adopted an initiative to hold, in the nearest future, a special meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the four States - Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation and Ukraine - with the participation of representatives of the United Nations and CSCE.

The Republic of Moldova and Ukraine will pursue their fruitful cooperation within the framework of the United Nations, CSCE and other international organizations and will continue to consult each other regularly on matters of mutual interest.

Chisinau, 23 October 1992.